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In re application of : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Ted E. Dunning et al. : **TO MAKE SPECIAL**
Application No. 09/846,823 : **(ACCELERATED EXAMINATION)**
Filed: April 30, 2001
For: RELATIONSHIP DISCOVERY ENGINE

This is in response to the renewed petition filed on October 23, 2002, and supplemented on March 21, 2003, to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII.

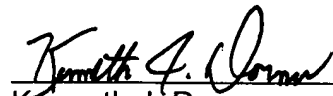
A petition to make special was filed on May 15, 2002. The petition was dismissed in a decision mailed October 8, 2002 wherein it was held that the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) had not been filed and no authorization to charge a deposit account was given.

Since the requirement lacking in the original petition of May 15, 2002 has now been supplied, all the items required for special status under MPEP § 708.02 VIII have been met, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only if petitioner makes a prompt *bona fide* effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

SUMMARY: Petition to Make Special **GRANTED.**



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